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A large consignment of records at the
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The largest and most varied Stock of
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9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
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Hongkong, April 24, 1905.

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Hongkong, March 20, 1904.

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Quarters, present occupier leaving the
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Hongkong, April 12, 1905.

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pean Style, in Kowloon. Possession
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THE new Twin Screw Steam Steamer
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1,300 tons, Captain H. N. HANSEN,
Leave HONGKONG for CANTON at 5
p.m. Every Monday (except Sundays).
Leave CANTON for HONGKONG at 6
a.m. Every Monday (except Sundays).
These fine new Steamers have been
built at HONGKONG. They are fitted
with the latest machinery and are
Electrically Lighted. Single Journey, \$4.00
Meals, \$1.00. Return Journey, \$7.00.
The Company's Office is at the
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SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.
TUESDAY, 5.30 P.M.
No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, November 3, 1904.

ARTIFICIAL SILK AND HAIR.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—Invention
now found a substitute for human hair
was discovered incidentally in a long quest
for some method for making artificial
hair. After 160 years of failure, French
German chemists have solved the artifi-
cial problem; and the Department of Com-
merce and Labor is informed that fabrica-
tion is to be started in the United States
for making silk from collodion. The
artificial hair will make hair for wigs.
In the matter of hair for the hair
Nature has not been able to keep up
act. Collodion upon hair is lighter, softer,
cheaper and altogether better than hair
cropped from the human head. The
inventors of the artificial silk process are
Professor Lehner of Augsburg and Oskar
Hilf of Chardonnay of Paris. Two fac-
tories are running in Germany, two in
Switzerland, and one at Remoncourt in
France. One of the German factories sold
the United States \$100,000 worth of its
product last year. Collodion is the basis of
the artificial silk, and this is obtained
generally from carded cotton, although it
may also be obtained from corn and other
grain.

THE GREAT DIAMOND.

How it was Taken to England.

A pardonable amount of pride is felt by
the authorities of St. Martin-le-Grand
over the fact that the British post
service was entrusted with the duty of trans-
porting from South Africa and delivering the
famous Cullinan diamond, the largest
precious stone ever found, and valued at
upwards of a million sterling.

As to its transmission it seems that un-
known anyone except the directors of
the company in South Africa, an ordinary
looking packet was handed in at the Joban-
neburg Post-office shortly before the Eng-
lish mail which arrived on Saturday, let
the packet centre. It was addressed to
"S. Neumann and Co., London, E. C. 4,"
and the messenger, acting on instructions
had it registered. It weighed a little over
a pound, and the cost of the rate of a
parcels half-ounce, and a postage extra
for registration, the sum paid to the post-
office was about three shillings. As soon
as it was stamped the packet was placed
with the other registered parcels deposited
in the mail-bag, and sent off to Cape-
town where it was transferred to the
mail-train. Nothing further was heard of it
until March 25, when a telegram from Mr.
Neumann announced its arrival.

The parcel was a great diamond,
but no further precautions were taken for
its safe transit. The parcel authorities
were, in the "Cullin" matter, that they had
been entrusted with such a valuable con-
signment, and on arrival it was bestowed
upon it that upon any other parcel. As
the Post Office would not open any, so soon
as accepted the risk, the "question of
insurance" was not mentioned to the
authorities. The diamond, nevertheless,
was insured apart from the postal authori-
ties for £250,000.

The Comptroller of St. Martin's la-
Grand confessed that he was quite as much
in the dark as the others, but he was glad
that the diamond had been safely delivered.
"It goes without saying," he remarked,
"that we have never had such a valuable
single diamond before, because it is the
biggest that has ever been discovered. But
we are unable to get a quantity of small
precious stones in a parcel which might be
nearly as valuable as the big diamond."
Asked what precautions were taken with
registered parcels en route, the Comptroller
said the mail-bags containing them
were dealt with in precisely the same
manner as the other bags. It was only
when they were opened in this country
that any differentiation took place.

It is desired to keep the present when
about the diamond secret. No decision
has yet been come to as to whether the
stone will be exhibited or not. We are
waiting, said Mr. Neumann, "the instruc-
tions of the directors before doing anything
in the matter. The ultimate destination of
the Cullinan is likewise undecided. It
is obvious, however, that it is to be placed
upon the market and put in the ordi-
nary channel of commerce. No one is to
into a matter of small importance."

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These tiny
capsules
superior
to Santal,
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cure
the same disease
as the drugs in
forty-eight hours
without
inconvenience.
Each capsule costs one penny.

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For medicinal purposes, delay, pain
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the use of
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Prescribed by the highest French
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Tanner's, Most Powerful Female
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CHAS. T. B. & CO., LTD.,
LONDON.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
[SUPPLIED BY REUTER'S WIRE.]
[Received on April 29, at 6.20 p.m.]

THE MOROCCO QUESTION.

GERMAN MISSION LEAVES TANGIER.

The French Press and Britain.

LONDON, April 29.

The German Mission to Fez is due to leave Tangier on May 2.

The French press is delighted because Minister Lottin is also going to Fez.

This is taken as a demonstration that Great Britain supports France.

THE TROUBLES IN RUSSIA.

THE ANTICIPATED RIOTS.

Shops Barreling.

LONDON, April 29.

Despite General Treppoff's proclamation regarding the preparation to quell the expected riots on May 1, the shops in St. Petersburg are already putting up barricades.

REVOLTS IN RUSSIA.

The Caucasus Still Inflamed.

LONDON, April 29.

Official reports from the Caucasus describe numerous encounters between the peasants and the troops; the former were armed with pickaxes, bludgeons, and occasionally with revolvers; many were killed and wounded by the Cossack charges.

Serious disorders have taken place at Chelabinsk on the Siberian railway and troops have been sent from Ekaterinburg.

FRANCE AND GERMAN MOROCCO.

The determined and deliberate policy of Germany in Morocco is regarded in Paris as becoming an increasingly grave factor in European politics; even warning the watchfulness of France on her eastern frontier.

RUSSIA'S NEW NAVY.

Mr Schwab, the American steel magnate, has left St. Petersburg. It is stated in New York that his visit has resulted in an arrangement to construct several 16,000 ton battleships of a novel type. Mr Schwab guarantees 20% greater efficiency than any ship afloat.

RUSSIA IN ASIA.

Russia has decided to construct a railway from Tomsk to Tashkend.

PEACE.

Effects by America.

LONDON, April 29.

News from Washington states that the British Ambassador sails for home tomorrow, and the German and French Ambassadors will follow; it is believed in diplomatic circles that they will unofficially communicate to King Edward, the Emperor of Germany and President Loubet, President Roosevelt's earnest desire to end the war as early as possible. It is believed that the impending naval engagement, whatever the result may be, will offer an opportunity for initiating peace negotiations.

NEW WAR-SHIPS.

Most Powerful Vessels Known.

Mr Arthur H. Lee, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at Gosport, said that the Admiralty will lay down in the autumn at Portsmouth the first of a new type of battleship, the most powerful in the world, and to be built in the shortest time known. The type will embody considerable alterations in design; the result of lessons from the Russo-Japanese war. The reason for the recent full in construction was to enable these lessons to be utilized.

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HEUMATISM is cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application relieves the pain. For sale by All Dealers. Watson & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BODY DUMPING.

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)

Sir,—At the meeting of the Sanitary Board on the 18th April, a discussion arose in connection with the question of the dumping of dead bodies in the streets and harbour by the poorer class Chinese in the Colony. Various reasons were assigned for this objectionable practice. With a view to ascertain the real reason and providing a remedy, I have advertised freely in all the Chinese newspapers circulating in the Colony the offer to provide free burials for the poor and friendless.

I beg to enclose a copy of a translation in English of the notice, which may not be without interest to you.

All Chinese householders are invited in the cases of a death occurring in their house, and the deceased happening to be friendless and without effect to make the necessary arrangements to keep the body in the house and not dump it in the street. Those who are too poor to defray the burial expenses are requested to communicate with Mr Ho Kom Tong who will be glad to make all the arrangements for the burial and to defray the necessary expenses himself.

Hongkong, May 1st, 1905.

HO KOM TONG.

SPORTING.

Alley Bowling.

The bowling match between the Hongkong Club and the Club Germania was concluded on Saturday night, Hongkong winning by 226 points. The scores were as follows:

HONGKONG CLUB.				
NAMES	HOME	AWAY	TOTAL	
E. H. Hinds	709	677	1387	
P. W. Goldring	436	62	128	
E. A. Hancock	605	605	1110	
T. C. Gray	602	607	1209	
J. Hooper	723	805	1528	
P. H. Wolf	631	643	1173	
H. Hancock	609	653	1262	
J. W. C. Bonnar	682	696	1278	
				10,347

CLUB GERMANIA.				
NAMES	HOME	AWAY	TOTAL	
A. Rombach	842	603	1445	
F. Nicolai	631	450	1081	
A. Schroeder	749	420	1169	
E. Volbrecht	734	468	1202	
J. Muller	847	626	1473	
G. Engel	703	638	1341	
T. Koch	739	478	1217	
F. Eberius	714	504	1218	
				10,119

Hongkong Club won by 226 points. This is the second win for the English team for the new season. Mr. Hooper made the highest total score.

Rifle Shooting.

THE RESERVE COMPETITION.

The final shoot in connection with the April trophies for members of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association took place on Saturday. The possible score not including handicap was 70, and the highest scores were:

200 YARDS.		
NAMES	SCORE	HANDICAP
A. Moir	53+12	-70
W. L. Carter	60+8	-63
R. E. O. Bird	59+8	-57
G. L. Duncan	56+10	-63
J. Subbings	54+10	-63
B. W. Fraser	54+12	-65
H. W. Robertson	59+6	-65
L. G. Bird	55+10	-65
G. W. Winterburn	50+12	-65
J. McCubbin	44+21	-65
E. W. Terry	44+24	-65
Hon. Mr. L. A. M. Johnston	53+11	-64
A. J. Williams	52+12	-64
W. D. Bradwood	44+24	-64
C. Glover	43+20	-63
W. T. Edwards	43+20	-63
J. Hutchings	40+22	-62
R. Dougherty	37+4	-61
W. H. Donald	40+12	-61
C. E. H. Beavis	49+12	-61
Hon. Mr. F. H. May	44+6	-61
H. W. Slade	46+14	-60

50 YARDS.		
NAMES	SCORE	HANDICAP
Hon. Mr. L. A. M. Johnston	59+11	-70
J. McCubbin	51+10	-70
C. Cutler	51+19	-70
W. T. Edwards	49+20	-69
L. G. Bird	58+10	-68
G. L. Duncan	56+10	-68
W. Dobbs	49+16	-63
J. Whittall	60+4	-64
W. B. Boyce	52+12	-64
G. A. Hastings	45+19	-64
W. Goodfellow	59+4	-63
A. G. Newington	51+12	-63
Hon. Mr. F. H. May	51+4	-63
C. E. H. Beavis	49+13	-62
A. Moir	51+14	-61
A. J. Williams	45+16	-61
F. Fisher	50+4	-60
A. Mackenzie	56+4	-60
A. Brown	52+8	-60

The trophy for the 200 yards was won by A. Moir, and the other was won by Hon. Mr. L. A. M. Johnston.

V. LUNTER COMPETITION.

On Saturday last the annual musketry competition for the Challenge Shield presented by His Excellency the Governor took place at the Tai Hang range, with the following result:

Left Half, No. 1 Company	644	1
Left Half, No. 2 Company	590	2
Right Half, No. 2 Company	537	3
Right Half, No. 1 Company	501	4

The individual scores of the winning half-company are—

Sergeant Leung	56
Guinn Penning	52
Longstaff	53
Hayton	83
Marsh	80
Corp. Cameron	79
Guinn A. Rogers	78
Stewart	75
Total	644

The Shanghai Races.

The Shanghai races are to commence tomorrow, and judging from the list of entries the events should be of interest. Salem and Heather King are fancied for the half-mile. Nares and A. A. Patrick are also mentioned favourably. Zedac is expected to effect a surprise, and La France Rose is regarded as a possible winner.

BOXING.

Roberts v. Douglas.

Chin Wan was the scene of a boxing contest between J. Douglas and Roberts of the Royal West Kent Regiment. The European spectators were but few, but there was a large attendance of Chinese, who flocked around when the news that a bout was in progress reached them. Douglas has never before fought in Hongkong, but reports of his skill led boxing enthusiasts to anticipate a good tussle. Had Douglas been matched against a better man than Roberts these anticipations might have been fulfilled, but the fight which occurred could hardly be termed good, as Douglas carried far too many guns for his lighter opponent.

When the men came together for the first round Douglas won the appearance of a man in a dazed condition and seemed likely to fall a victim to his vigorous and alert-looking adversary. Roberts opened the battle with a left hand lead for the head, which was parried in an apparently careless manner, with no attempt for a return blow, and Roberts repeated the hit, with the same result. Douglas began to swing for Roberts' chin, but all went wide of the mark, and the spectators marvelled at the apparent incompetency of Douglas.

The second round was something similar, while in the third Douglas went down to a well delivered straight left, remaining on the ground for eight seconds. Rising, he appeared still more dazed, and contented himself with warding off the fierce attacks of the soldier.

In the fourth round Douglas surprised Roberts by tapping him lightly on the chin and following it up with a good body blow, and lay on his back, to all appearances, to a chopping blow on the back of his neck. The sixth round was a sensational one. Up to this time the showing by Douglas had been somewhat ludicrous, but with the call of time for this round he suddenly became as alert as his opponent. Stepping in, Douglas administered two sharp blows with the right on Roberts' ribs, and after giving Roberts time to recover from his astonishment he feinted with his left and crossed swiftly with his right landing on Roberts' jaw. Roberts went right through the ropes and lay on his back, to all appearances, beaten. He rose, however, at the call of time, but Douglas refrained from finishing the contest. He might easily have done so for Roberts was completely bewildered.

The seventh round saw the last of the battle. Douglas commenced with a feint, playfully looking the half hearted attack, and in a manner which betokened weakness. Like a flash he lived up and three times Roberts was sent to the ground, twice being driven through the ropes. The end appeared at hand. Roberts was expected to be the last, for Roberts was patently bewildered. Douglas, seeing that he held his opponent's feet, did not attempt to land a knock-out blow, and the round ended with both men sparring.

While in the corner Roberts called to the referee and said: "I'm going to chuck it; it's too hot. He can have the fight."

The referee communicated Roberts' decision to Douglas and announced that as Roberts had capitulated he had nothing to do but await the fight to Douglas.

But Roberts is not satisfied with one of the soldier's seconds, a somewhat anomalous remark under the circumstances.

LOCAL DRAINAGE WORKS.

During the year the sewers and nullahs have been cleaned and maintained in a satisfactory condition, says the Director of Public Works in his report for 1904. Considerable cost has been entailed in clearing out the sand washed down by heavy rains in some of the nullahs, more especially in Kowloon. A large amount of this sand comes from the spoil of quarries from the neighbourhood, and where this is found to be the case, the lessees of the quarries have been called upon to clear it away. The flushing tanks on the sewerage system have been regularly operated at low tides and have assisted to keep the sewers clean. The large one erected last year behind the Volunteer Head Quarters has been of great assistance in keeping the sewers in Queen's Road, to the east and west of Garden Road, clear and has worked well by greatly increasing the velocities in these pipes. The further construction of flushing tanks in suitable positions on this system laid to hand over, owing to the large amount of new work going on for Waterworks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

The following is the Twelfth Annual Report of the Board of Directors to the Shareholders:—

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders of the Bank the General Balance Sheet and Statement of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The Net Profit for the year, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, and including £14,551.18s. 6d. brought forward from last Account, amount to £75,227.1s. 0d. Of this sum, £14,025.10s. 0d. has already been distributed in payment of an Interim Dividend on the "A" and "B" Shares for the half-year ending 30th June at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, from Income Tax.

The Directors have added £20,000 to the Reserve Fund (raising the latter to £110,000) and they have set aside £2,000 towards the formation of an Officers' Pension Fund. They now recommend a further Dividend on the "A" and "B" Shares at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, free of Income Tax, for the second half of the year, leaving a balance of £15,102.1s. 0d. to be carried forward.

Mr James Campbell, the Chief Manager, has been appointed to a seat on the Board. Directors.—The following Directors retire by rotation, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:—Sir Alexander Wilson, and R. W. Chamney, Esq.

Auditors.—It will be necessary to appoint Auditors. Messrs Cooper, Brothers & Co., and Messrs W. A. Brown & Co., the retiring Auditors, offer themselves for re-election.

By order of the Board,
JAMES CAMPBELL,
Chief Manager.

NEW SHOPS IN PEDDER'S STREET.

Opened This Morning.

Business was commenced this morning at the new buildings which have just been erected at No 2 Pedder's Street. The building is a three-story one and has been built from plans drawn by Messrs Palmer and Turner, and is a decided acquisition to the architecture of the street. The bottom floor is divided into two large shops one of which is occupied by The Burlington millinery and dressmaking establishment, and the other as show rooms by Messrs Harris-Koeney and Co. The first floor is occupied by Dr Newell and the United States Health Office, and the second by the American Consul General and the Mitsui Bishi Goshi Kaisha.

The shops on the ground floor of good dimensions and will enable their occupiers to make a good display. The Burlington is already doing so, the show window containing many attractive articles for the fair sex. Both the millinery and dress-making departments of the business are under capable management and the stock has just been selected in London with a special view to meeting the requirements of Hongkong buyers. This morning an attractive display was made in the windows facing Pedder's Street and from the number of ladies that were seen going in and out of the shop it was evident that business was being transacted on a satisfactory scale. A feature of the display was a large variety of fashionable hats which were seen to great advantage. Inside the shop is well fitted up for the business and the facilities for inspecting toners are afforded for the convenience of the public. The dress making is in charge of Mrs Bell who has a capable staff of assistants.

Directly opposite to the main entrance to the Hongkong Hotel is the portion of the building occupied by Messrs Harris-Koeney and Co., who are to show a fine collection of their well-known rattan and fibre chairs, couches, etc. The whole of the floor space is being utilised as a show room and all descriptions of goods manufactured at the firm's Shaikwan factory will be seen there in the course of a few days. At present the show room is not quite complete, but when the carpenters have finished their work a balcony and numerous shelves will have been raised inside, on which a large number of chairs and other articles will be placed. Besides the rattan and grass goods the firm also manufactures hardwood chairs, which are to be seen in the show rooms. The rattan and grass chairs are in numerous colours, being stained so that they may lose their attractive appearance.

With the assistance of the officials at Tai Po arrangements were made with the villagers in the New Territory to construct five-foot roads under the supervision of the department. The work is worked well and economically, the result being there were two good roads approaching construction at the end of the year—one from Tai Po to Sheungshai, a length of about five and a half miles, and the other from Tai Po to Shunwan, a length of about a half mile and there are others proposed.

THE COLONY'S ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1904.

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NOTICE.

MR ESSOFOALLY SOOLEMANJEE will have this Colony shortly and the business will be carried on by Mr FEIZULLABHOY ESSABHOY, EBRABHIM who is authorized to sign our firm. ADDOOLALLY EBRABHIM & Co., Hongkong, May 1, 1905.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE of the MITSUBISHI COMPANY has been REMOVED to No. 2, PEDDER STREET, the New Building next to the Post Office. Hongkong, May 1, 1905.

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 2nd May, 1905, at 11 A.M., at his Sales Rooms, DUNDRELL STREET, A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. Terms:—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, May 1, 1905.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Official Receiver to sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, (TUESDAY) the 2nd May, 1905, at Noon, at Nos. 3, 5, 7 and 9, RECLAMATION STREET, YAMATU, THE GOODS AND CHATTELS of the CHUNG WA ENGINEERING CO. Terms:—As usual. HUGHES & HUGHES, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, May 1, 1905.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undischarged after MONDAY, the 8th May, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 8th May, 1905, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 8th May, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, May 1, 1905.

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TAMUL, via SWATOW and AMOY.	PRINCE OF WALES	SUNDAY, 7th May, 8 a.m.
TAMUL, via SWATOW and AMOY.	PROTEUS	SUNDAY, May 14, 8 a.m.

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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	22nd May.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	HYON	30th May.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PRINCE	31st May.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	JASON	6th May.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	JACQUES	20th May.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DARWIN	23rd May.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	CALCUTTA	6th June.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	DEVALON	20th June.
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SHANGHAI	WOSUNG	3rd May.
CEBU & ILOILO	KAIPO	5th May.
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S.S. INDRAYELLI	...	R. P. CHRYST.
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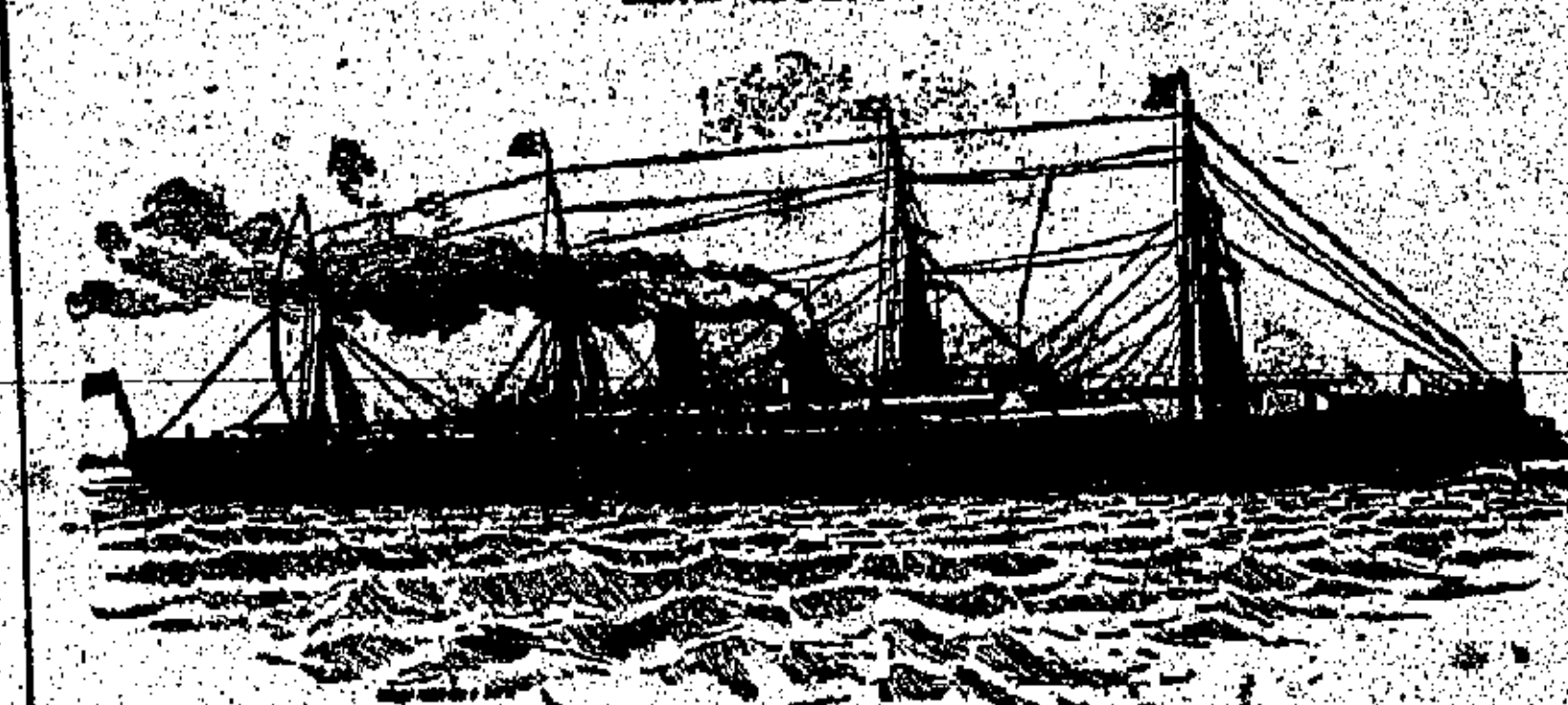
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MANOHURIA	13,639	WEDNESDAY, 24th May, at Noon.
KOREA	11,276	THURSDAY, 18th June, at Noon.
COPTIC	4,853	THURSDAY, 2nd July, at Noon.
SIBERIA	11,284	THURSDAY, 18th July, at Noon.
MONGOLIA	13,639	THURSDAY, 18th July, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. KOREA, 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th-22nd, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE P. M. Steamship CHINA will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, (INLAND SEA) YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 5th May, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point on route.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Government.
Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, April 29, 1905.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, via SWATOW, WAISHING	...	TUESDAY, May 2, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	...	FRIDAY, May 5, at 4 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, SUISSANG	...	TUESDAY, May 9, at 4 p.m.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	...	THURSDAY, May 11, at 4 p.m.

* These Steamers have superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.
* Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Chetoo, Tientsin, Newchwang and Yangtze Ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
ARRATON APCAR,
Captain E. F. W., will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 2nd May, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
D. SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 28, 1905.

AUSTRIAN NAVIGATION
COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
FIUME AND TRIESTE Direct, Calling at
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUZ
AND PORT SAID.

(Taking cargo at through rates to the
Baltics, to South America, Persian
Gulf, Red Sea, Black Sea, Levant,
Venice and Adriatic Ports).

THE Company's Steamship
TRIESTE,
Captain MISTROVIC, will be despatched as
above on TUESDAY, the 2nd May, p.m.

This Steamer has capital accommodation
for passengers, Electric Light and carries a
Doctor.
For information as to Passage & Freight,
apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents,
Prince's Building.

Hongkong, April 27, 1905.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
(Calling at Port Darwin and Queens-
land Ports, and taking through Cargo
to Australia, New Zealand,
Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship
EMPIRE,
Captain HILMS, will be despatched for
the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 6th
May, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially
fitted for Passengers, and has a Refriger-
ating Chamber, which ensures the supply of
Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the
voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with
the latest Light.
A duly qualified Surgeon and Stewards
are carried.

N.B.—To ensure the additional comfort
of passengers the steamers of the Company
have electric fans fitted in all cabins.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 11, 1905.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

NEITHER the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be responsible for any
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of
the following Vessels during their stay in
Hongkong Harbour—

S. F. HENDERSON, American Steamship
Captain E. V. O'Neil—Standard Oil Co.

Shipping.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,
INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITER-
RANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATA-
VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CON-
TINENTAL AMERICAN AND
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship COROMANDEL, Capt.
G. M. MONTGOMERY, M.N.R., carrying the
Majority's Mails, will be despatched from
this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the
6th May, at Noon, taking Passengers
and Cargo for the above Ports in con-
nection with the Company's s.s. Victoria
8,652 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' ac-
commodation in which vessel is secured
before departure from Hongkong.

Ships and Valuable Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into the mail
steamers proceeding direct to Marseilles and
London; other cargo for London, &c., will
be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S.
Arcturion, due in London on the 18th June,
1905.

Passes will be received at this Office
until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The
contents and value of all packages are
required.

For further Particulars, apply to
L. S. LEWIS,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 22, 1905.

PEN LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship
BENALDER,
Captain BENALDER, will be despatched as
above on or about 15th May, 1905.

For Freight, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 18, 1905.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER BANQA.

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby informed that
the same is being landed at their risk into
the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at
Kowloon, where each consignment will be
sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivered as
soon as the Goods have left the Godowns.

Goods not cleared by the 20th inst.,
at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me
in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Con-
signee, and the Company's representative
at an appointed hour. All Claims must be
presented within ten days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which date they cannot
be recognized. No Claims will be ad-
mitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

L. S. LEWIS,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 24, 1905.

BARBER LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP HINDUSTAN
FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at
Kowloon, whence and for from the
wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th
April, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Underwriter on or before
the 30th April, or they will not be recog-
nized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 28th April, at
3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 26, 1905.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER SOCOTRA.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,
PORT SAID, SUZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed and
about at their risk in the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's
Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment
will be sorted out Mark by Mark and
delivered as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo
from London, via Suez, Egypt.
Optional Goods will be landed here un-
less instructions are given to the contrary
before 10 A.M. Tomorrow.

Goods not cleared by the 4th May,
at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me
in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Con-
signee and the Company's representative
at an appointed hour. All claims must be
presented, within ten days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which date they cannot
be recognized. No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the Godowns.

L. S. LEWIS,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 27, 1905.

Intimations.

MIYAKO HOTEL.

KYOTO, JAPAN.

A NEW AND STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS HOTEL.

December 4, 1904.

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OSAKA HOTEL.

NAKANOSHIMA PARK,

OSAKA, JAPAN.

(TELEPHONE: No. 713, HIGASHI).

THIS HOTEL, which faces the River on Three Sides, is the only one in OSAKA Catering for Foreigners.

ALL UP-TO-DATE COMFORTS AND EXCELLENT CUISINE.
R. E. A. I. Manager.

December 5, 1904.

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LAXATIVE.

THE NEW IDEAL PURGATIVE.
FOR ALL LIVER, KIDNEY
AND HEMORRHOID
TROUBLES.RECOMMENDED BY THE WORLD'S FINEST
PHYSICIANS.

LAXATIVE is the mildest aperient known. It is pleasant in taste, not drastic but certain in action and even in large doses is harmless. Laxative being non-irritant will be found a great boon, (diarrhoea especially), and in cases where the kidneys are debilitated or diseased. Laxative is strongly recommended by the Continental Authorities and is being largely used in the London hospitals. Messrs A. S. WATSON & Co. Ltd., have been appointed the Hongkong Agents for this preparation.

Hongkong, December 8, 1904.

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Notices to Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
CHINA,
above-mentioned, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to
in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods from alongside.
By WEDNESDAY, the 3rd May, at
10 A.M. will be landed and stored at Com-
pound risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
E. W. TILDEN,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 29, 1905.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1903.

£16,893,850.

—Authorized Capital £3,000,000

Subscribed Capital £2,750,000

Paid-up Capital £2,600,000

—Fire Funds £3,058,961 10 0

—Life & Annuity Funds £13,154,183 16 7

£16,893,850 8 10

Reversion Fire Branch... £935,128 0 0

Life & Annuity... £1,615,765 11 9

Branches... £2,550,833 11 9

The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and Life Departments are free from liability in respect of each other.

The Underwritten Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Fire Risks at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Hongkong, June 12, 1904.

1419

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COM-
PANY OF TORONTO AND
LONDON.

INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above are prepared
to accept Risks at Current Rates.

ALEX. ROSS & CO.

Hongkong, April 28, 1904.

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FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE CO.
OF
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

STATEMENT to 31st DECEMBER, 1903.

ASSETS, GOLD... \$5,858,820.37

NOTES, SECURITIES, GOLD... \$2,158,113.80

INCOME, GOLD... \$3,470,787.53

FIRE BRANCH.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept Fire Risks at Current
Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Hongkong, March 23, 1904.

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SING ON & CO.,
Nos. 55 & 57, HING LOONG STREET,
IRON, STEEL, METAL AND HARD-
WARE MERCHANTS.
Retail and Wholesale Ironmongers, Pig Iron
and Foundry Castings, and General
Storekeepers. Prices Moderate.

Hongkong, December 14, 1904.

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MARTIN'S
APOLISTEEL
FILESA French Manufacture for all kinds of files. These files
are made of a special kind of steel and are
the most perfect of their kind. They are
used in all kinds of work and are
highly recommended by all experts.
They are made in France and are
of the highest quality.

By G. TAYLOR, L. M. Customs

With Woodcut

[Reprinted from the China Review.]

One of the Best Sketches of Formosa
yet written.

Price... 50 Cents.

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A RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN
FORMOSA

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China Mail Office

5, WYNDHAM STREET,

HONGKONG.

IN DEFENCE OF FLIRTATION.

[BY THE ONE THAT LOOKED ON.]

All who have studied the subject will agree that flirtation is an art. An art that requires, moreover, natural ability, endless study, and constant practice. It is not to be lightly undertaken by the amateur, or the performance will be as ineffectual and unpleasing to the man of experience, as is a divine nocturne of Chopin, played by unskilled fingers, painful to the musician's sensitive ear.

The course of true flirtation is far from smooth, and very far from straight. The flirt must steer her frail bark with infinite care, avoiding like the shallow of sentiment and the depths of passion. A mistake on her part, a misreading of the signals on his, and shipwreck awaits the hapless pair—ground on the rocks of matrimony. (Note.—This is an extreme case, and fortunately rare.)

She must be a woman of ready sympathy and unflinching fact, quick to recognize and appreciate every change in a man's mood, to be able to pour balm on the wounded spirit of the vanquished, or to offer incense to the conqueror.

Unselfish and self-sacrificing, another's comfort comes always before her own. If she be suffering from a splitting headache, she, because of it, cross-draws—irritable. No, not if she is a true mistress of her art. Her head must take care of itself. "Poor John" is in bad spirits—that last little venture of his has turned out badly—and who so ready as she to sympathize and comfort?

It cheers a chap up to talk things over with you—one's own people don't seem to understand. You are an angel, and you don't mind, do you? By Jove! it helps one no end!

Of course, it does!

To have a pretty and charming woman soothe one's jangled nerves, to put one's world pedestal again, to help one up to that high pedestal one has always found so comfortable, to brush off the dust that remains to tell of a nasty fall, to have the supreme fact to straighten things out that one had ever fallen—so that we may forget it, too! Ah, yes—it helps no end!

And yet, one hears this woman abused! And often, I fear, by those who have most benefited by her kindness. But, then, Man knows not gratitude—and, as for his wife—

When you count the sins of the flirt, remember also her virtues. Remember the weary hours, endured without one audible sigh, or sign of the boredom that consumes, while Old Age, of whom the memory is long and the tongue passing slow, recounts his deeds of daring, performed—it is said—half a century before; or when encouraged by a sympathetic eye, he forsakes the fields of valour, and wanders off into the half-forgotten realms of sentiment. What matter the indignant glances of feminine fifty—even if shot from the eyes of the wife of one's bosom?

"Little minx, can't even leave an old fool like you alone!"

Softly, softly, my dear; she gave me back an hour of my youth—an hour of the days when I walked without this stick, and your waist was slimmer than 'tis now.

And what of callow youth?

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Are not your thanks due to her who so often smoothed the rough places? Who taught you to dance on the floor, instead of on your partner's toes and up and down her best ball-gown? Who appeared, at afternoon parties, like an angel, and guided your stumbling steps through a labyrinth of footstools and silver-tables, laden with fragile things of suicidal tenderness, to safety and an Oysterfield sofa?

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Who, but for her—but to enumerate—her acts of charity, the long suppers of her virtues, were an infinite task.

Go, foolish one, and cease to prate of 'lost illusions' and 'broken hearts', and thank her that she taught you wisdom and manners in a school that was pleasant enough while it lasted.

So much for the Artist—what of her Art?

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Instead of 'cupping, let them bless her, and say, 'For what we have received let us be truly thankful.'

And remember that life for many of us would be but a dull and sorry business without her—For smooth do you make the road of it! like Grace and Beauty, which begot inclination to love at first sight; 'tis she who opens this door, and let the stranger in.'—*Australasian.*

DO YOU SUFFER IN THIS WAY?

THE back always aching; work impossible; no rest at night; afraid to bend; standing erect causes a sharp, stab-like pain that almost takes away your breath; and leaves you weak, nervous, and despairing; is this your story?

But you can be cured by the great kidney medicine, Doan's Backache Kidney Pills.

Urinary disorders, puffy eyes, swollen ankles, dizziness, sallow and pimply complexion, irregular heart—all these and many other troubles are caused by kidney poison in the body, and they are the thin end of the wedge of Bright's disease, dropsy, etc.

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills help the kidneys to take out all the kidney poisons; they strengthen the kidneys, and that is why cures are lasting.

All the chief chemists and medicine dealers sell Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, price 2/6 for 1 box, or 13/6 for 5 boxes; or the medicine may be had, post free, on receipt of price, direct from the proprietors—The Foster-McClellan Co., 8, Wells-street, Oxford-street, London, England, who will also send a Sample Box Free to anyone who writes for it and mentions this paper.

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Of course, it does!

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And what of callow youth?

Youth, with its sudden outbursts of confidence—its queer reticences—youth, with its tender vanity that gets so cruelly wounded, its pathetic humility. Youth, who has not yet learned to do with hands and feet, so superfluously large—who has not yet learned to dance—to talk—or to walk. To whom a drawing-room is the torture-chamber, and Girl the Grand Inquisitor.

Are not your thanks due to her who so often smoothed the rough places? Who taught you to dance on the floor, instead of on your partner's toes and up and down her best ball-gown? Who appeared, at afternoon parties, like an angel, and guided your stumbling steps through a labyrinth of footstools and silver-tables, laden with fragile things of suicidal tenderness, to safety and an Oysterfield sofa?

Who listened through long hours to the recital of your affairs of amour? To shy, yet fervent, descriptions of your latest divinity? And in time, the sun of one's divinity set and another rose—who shall blame her? Not you, ungrateful youth, who, but for her, had still been worshipping at the shrine of a snub-souped goddess—who, but for her, had still been wearing collars and ties of a shape and colour the like of which your cultivated soul shrinks from contemplating to-day.

Who, but for her—but to enumerate—her acts of charity, the long suppers of her virtues, were an infinite task.

Go, foolish one, and cease to prate of 'lost illusions' and 'broken hearts', and thank her that she taught you wisdom and manners in a school that was pleasant enough while it lasted.

So much for the Artist—what of her Art?

A flirtation, to be perfect, should never outlast the season in which it had its beginning. Its life should be brief as a dream. Let it approach middle age—its charm is gone, its outlines become blurred—what had been a divine comedy has a tendency to develop into the tragic of sink to the burlesque.

Its delicate fondling of the passions should be swift and light, as the wing of a swallow brushing the sleeping waters. Transient—immaterial—it should be the suggestion of all things—the shadow, never the substance.

I have endeavoured to prove to you that the so-called 'flirt,' so far from being a 'Devil's tale, and mischief such doth work' as a lover yet did Pagan, or Turpin, is a lady of such good parts as should win her the admiration and gratitude of man.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading

HONGKONG HOTEL

Destination.	Freight.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Empire (c)	3110, Livingston & Co. Brisbane & Swire	May 4, at Noon
Am'dam, L/don, & Arr	Dardanel (c)	Butterfield & Swire	May 8, at 9
Am'dam, L/don, & Arr	Calcutta (c)	Butterfield & Swire	May 23, at 9
Am'dam, L/don, & Arr	Calcutta (c)	Butterfield & Swire	June 6, at 9
Choofoo & Fienhain ..	Calcutta (c)	Butterfield & Swire	June 20, at 9

Ganga, Mar., 1900	Laertes (b)	Switzerland & Switz.	May 20
Jaya, Porto	Filiatop (b)	Yokohama Japan	Sad. half of May
Japan, via Shanghai	Isaac (b)	China	End of June
Japan, via Yokohama	Isaac (b)	China	May 2
Koke & Yokohama	Ormidale (b)	China	May 2
London, &c.	Gorchumand (b)	C. & O.S.N. Co.	May 3, daylight
London, Antwerp &c.	Benjamin (b)	China	May 6, at Noon
London, Antwerp &c.	Benjamin (b)	China	May 10, at Noon
London, Antwerp &c.	Benjamin (b)	China	about May 15
Manila, via Saigon	Dunbar (b)	Malagasy Republic	May 2, at 1 p.m.
Manila, Ailan Porto	Talmon (b)	Switzerland & Switz.	May 13

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8'Half and Portland, Cr.	Nutmegs (d)	Portland & A. S. Co.	June 28, 29
9' Store, Penang & Utter	Arratoon Apear (e)	D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd.	May 3-17, 29
9' Store, Amoy & Canton	Amising (N)	Tanaka, Matheson & Co.	May 5, 8, 14, 29
9' Store, Penang, R. Pond	Amising (N)	Sander & Sons	May 14, 29
9' Store, Amoy & Amoy	Bourjensis Borneo	Jaaks Shoenen Kaisha.	May 3, 9, 29
9' Store, Amoy & Fance	Krimph (e)	Osaka Shoenen Kaisha.	May 4, at 29
9' Store, Amoy & Fance	Proculus (e)	Osaka Shoenen Kaisha.	May 4, at 29
9' Store, Amoy & Tamsu	Proculus (e)	Osaka Shoenen Kaisha.	May 14, 29
9' Swatow	Emma-Luyken (e)	Douglas Lepark & Co.	May 3, at 10
9' Store, Amoy, Pochoon	Haitan (e)	Jaas Lepark & Co.	May 4, at 10

Victoria, B.C., Tacoma Lysine (s).....	Dodge & Co. Limited	About May
Victoria, B.C., Tacoma Hydrex (s).....	Dodge & Co. Limited	About May
Vancouver (B.C.) & Co. Empress of Japan (s).	Canadian Pac. L. Co.	May 10
Vancouver (B.C.) & Co. Albatross (s).....	Canadian Pac. L. Co.	May 24
Vancouver (B.C.) & Co. Empress of China (s).	Canadian Pac. L. Co.	May 31

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS

May 1, 1966.					
Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotation.	
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	40,000	3,125	all	£700	
National Bank of China, Limited...	38,922 1/2	7	2 5	London, 2 30. 10	
MARINE INSURANCES.					
...	10,000	4	750	\$5 1/2, sales & buyers	

China Trade Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	83.38	85	\$645, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	18.5	5	" 75, "
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	320	100	\$700, sales & sellers
Yantai Insurance Association, Ltd.	5,000	100	60	\$150, buyers
THE INSURANCE CO.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	\$85, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	\$507.5, buyers
HONGKONG & WHAMPDOCK DOCK CO. LTD.				
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	5,000	25	25	\$325, sales
				\$325, buyers

New Ameyl Dore Co. Ltd.	6,000	62	5	221	sales & sellers
NEWCASTLE STEEL CO. LTD.	6,000	100	0	169	Tel. 159 buyers
Chloro and Manille S. S. Co. Ld.,	30,000	50	50	221	sales
Dunlop Steamship Co., Limited ..	30,000	100	0	234	all
F.R. O. and M. Steamship Co., Ld.	30,000	15	85	221	sales
Indo-China S. S. Company, Limited	30,000	10	all	212	buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	100,000	100	0	257	sales
Shell Transport & Trading Co. Ltd.,	100,000	5	5	219	sales

a	Taka Tat and Lighter Co., Ltd.....	3,600	Tls.	50	Tls	50	Tls 18, buyers
b	Shanghai Tat & Lighter Co., Ltd.....	100,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50	Tls 41, buyers;
b	Preference.....	100,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50	Tls 49, sellers
b	SUGAR.						
b	China Sugar Company, Limited.....	100	Tls.	all	Tls	222, buyers	
b	London Sugar Company, Limited.....	100	Tls.	all	Tls	127, buyers	
b	Bank Sugar Company, Co., Ltd.....	50	Tls	50	T	50	T 50, buyers
b	WHEAT.						
a	H.K. & How Ward & Godown Co.,	50	Tls.	50	all	Tls	107, sellers
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Shanghai and Hongkong Wheat Co.	15,000	Ta. 100	Ta. 100	Ta. 190
LAST AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Development Company, Limited	50,000	Ta. 100	Ta. 100	Ta. 132
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	50,000	Ta. 50	Ta. 50	Ta. 116
Kowloon Land and Building Com- pany	5,000	Ta. 50	Ta. 50	\$58. buyers
Wong Kwai Land Investment and Development Company, Limited	3,750	Ta. 25	Ta. 25	Ta. 12, buyers
Temple's Estate & Finance Com- pany	150,000	Ta. 10	all	Ta. 75, buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500	Ta. 50	Ta. 50	Ta. 95, sellers

HR High-Low-Long-Termway Co., Ltd.	1,250	100	2215, buyers
MINING			
Société Française des Charbon- nages du Tonkin.	10,000	250	2490
Ranch Area, Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	1	18/10
ROBBIE LTD			
Hankow Hotel Company, Ltd.	10,000	50	2140, buyers
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Sinh)	30,000	175/10	2145, sales
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Sinh)	30,000	25	2150, sales
DISBURSES			

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited....	\$5,000	10	10	10	(\$12, buyers)
do.	5,000	10	10	10	(\$12, buyers)
Watkins Limited	10,000	10	10	10	(\$8, sellers)
FOOTING.					
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited...	5,000	2	40	67	\$160, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd....	20,000	10	10	10	the 142, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	20,000	10	10	10	the 142, buyers
New Electric Co. (new issue).....	20,000	10	10	10	the 142, buyers
BRIEF AND OTHERS.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd....	101,000	10	10	10	(\$22, sellers)
	70,000	10	10	10	(\$22, sellers)

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NAME.	AMOUNT.	PERCENT.	CLASS.	REMARKS.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,800	10	all	
Wm. Perceval & Co., Limited	1,000	10	all	
Chang and Co. Hongkong Dyeing	1,000	60	50	50% salers
and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	1,000	60	50	50% salers
South China Morning Post	1,000	25	25	25% salers
Wong & Co., Ltd.	1,000	25	25	25% salers
Philippine Co., Ltd.	67,500	4	10	10% salers
Alhambra, Ltd.	200	500	10	10% salers

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